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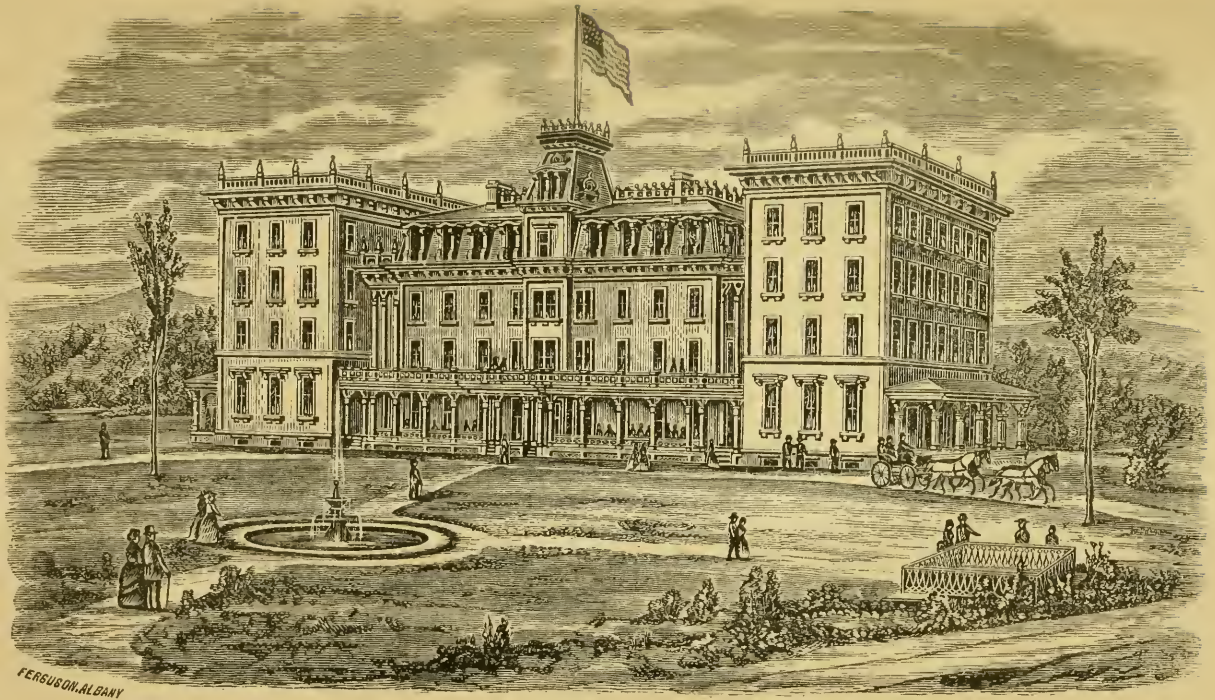

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THE scenery and climate of Berkshire County are widely known and appreciated. Those hill towns have long been a favorite resort for Summer tourists, and have furnished homes of rare beauty and healthfulness for retired business men and men of refinement and culture. The names of Lenox, Stockbridge, Pittsfield and Williamstown have become household words, and the pulse of the tired denizen of the city beats with new life at the mere mention of these. Among the charming towns of the list, none surpasses Williamstown; and in the county, Northern Berkshire outranks the rest, in the variety and boldness of its scenery, in the purity of the air, and in its marked contrasts of mountain and valley.

Williamstown has been more and more sought each Summer, although the accommodations for visitors have been very meagre. To meet an acknowledged want in the development of this town and the increasing business of this part

of Berkshire, consequent upon the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, the large and commodious hotel has been erected in Williamstown called

GREYLOCK HALL.

THE central part of this house was built two years ago, and during the last season was filled with guests. To meet the increasing demands, the capacity of the house has been, since the close of the last season, increased four-fold, so that it stands this Spring, as represented in the wood-cut, with a frontage of 165 feet and with accommodations for 250 visitors. The house and furniture are new and offer this season peculiar attractions. The house is lighted by gas and has the other modern conveniences, even to the telegraph connecting it with the business world. It is situated about a mile from the Williamstown station, on the Troy & Boston Railroad. A fine livery connected with the house renders the surrounding country accessible. Through the grounds runs a mountain trout stream which never fails; and a beautiful grove of tall old pines by its side furnishes, with its seats and swings, a most attractive and charming retreat for old and young during the long days of Summer, when driving and trout-fishing are too laborious. From the grounds a view unsurpassed in the country is presented. The house is situated upon the Southern slope of the

mountains forming the Northern boundary of the Williamstown valley, and the position commands the whole wide amphitheatre of that well-known and ever-praised valley. In front, looking across the valley and over the town with its beautiful churches and college buildings, about a mile distant, is the Saddle Mountain range or spur—the highest mountains in the state of Massachusetts—and there Prospect, Williams, Fitch and Greylock loom up in quiet grandeur, never to be forgotten by one who has seen them. To the right the Taghanics, which divide Massachusetts from New York, stretch their scalloped and buttressed sides. The horizon is everywhere the wavy line of mountain summits, varied at every point, while the valley of the Hoosac River, which here expands to the width of two and three miles, is in itself and in this setting one of rare beauty.

SAND SPRING.

AN additional attraction possessed by this hotel is a warm mineral spring, which determined the location of the house. This spring attracted, some years since, the attention of Dr. CHARLES BAILEY of Pittsfield, and having been employed for some patients of his with beneficial results, he conceived the idea of making it available for others. To Dr. BAILEY is largely due the credit of the present development of this spring and the ample and complete accommo-

dations now afforded for guests. The waters of the spring are of nearly the same properties as the well-known Lebanon Springs, are of the uniform temperature of 74° Fahr., and have been found especially beneficial to persons afflicted with rheumatic and cutaneous diseases. Extensive bathing houses have been erected adjacent to the hotel, making the waters of the spring serviceable to the visitors.

SURROUNDINGS.

FROM Greylock Hall as the starting point, it is hardly possible to go amiss of pleasant excursions. The mountains tempt one to their summits by their nearness and by their easy ascent, and from them views of great beauty and extent are secured. From Greylock the Catskills can be seen on the West and Mts. Tom and Monadnoc on the East. "I know no place," says President Hitchcock in his Geological survey of the state, "where the mind is so forcibly impressed with the idea of vastness and even of immensity, as when the eye ranges abroad from this eminence."

Then, the sides of the mountains, by which the valley is environed, have been cleft by mountain streams cutting deep gorges on whose sides moss-covered rocks tower, whose summits the lofty and primeval forests crown and hang over — all unmodified by the hand of man. In these deep

ravines are found many beautiful cascades and scenery of the wildest and most romantic character.

Five miles away is North Adams, where is the Western portal of the Hoosac Tunnel — that triumph of engineering skill and perseverance — which, now after twenty years of experiment and labor, has overcome so much of the four and three-quarters miles of rock as to promise a speedy completion, and which, for its boldness of plan and greatness of undertaking—being second only to that of Mt. Cenis —is to be more and more an object of world-wide interest.

We cannot call attention in our space to the many objects of interest in the immediate neighborhood; but if wild and romantic scenery, the sharp bold mountain, the craggy and precipitous cliff, the beautiful cascade, the gently winding river, pure air, health-giving fountains can add anything of attraction or interest to a place, then surely the country in the vicinity of *Greylock Hall* possesses those attractions.

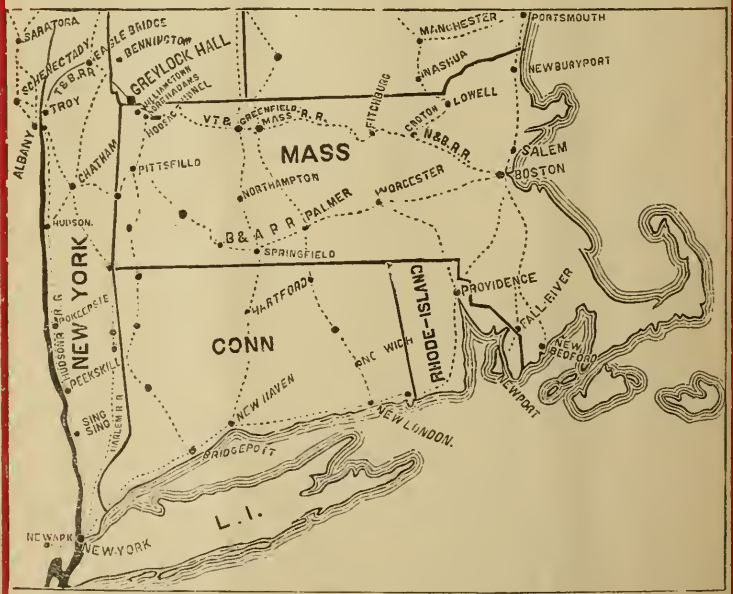
"Scenes of such beauty, varying in the light
Of living nature, cannot be portrayed
By words, nor by the pencil's silent skill,
But is the property of him alone
Who hath beheld it, noted it with care,
And in his mind recorded it with love."

DISTANCES AND ROUTES.

From Troy, N. Y.	43	miles.
" Bennington, Vt.	12	"
" Pittsfield, Mass.	20	"
" Saratoga, N. Y.	75	"

Travelers from New York city can take the Hudson River steamers or the Hudson River R. R. to Troy, and thence reach the Williamstown Station by the Troy & Boston R. R.; or by the Harlem & Housatonic Railroad to Pittsfield and thence by the way of North Adams.

Travelers from Boston can come by the "Hoosac Tunnel Route" through Fitchburg, Greenfield, over the Hoosac Mountain; or, those not desiring the mountain ride, by Springfield, Pittsfield and North Adams over the Boston & Albany R. R. *(See following map.)*



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WE have obtained permission to print the following letter to one of the proprietors from Rev. WASHINGTON GLADDEN, of the New York *Independent:*

NEW YORK, March 6, 1872.

My Dear ——

I am heartily glad that you have got possession of the old "Sand Spring," and that you are going on to place upon the ground a building of sufficient size to accommodate that increasing public which will demand entertainment at your hands. For the purposes of a summer hotel, I know no spot which surpasses this. It is convenient to the great centers of population; it is out of the noise and the dust; it affords to all who are fond of out-door life an unfailing assortment of mountain rides and forest rambles, and it commands a view of unmatched loveliness. The circle of hills which form the horizon are among the most beautiful that my eye has ever rested upon. In the sublimity which belongs to magnitudes and distances—which arises at the sight of mere bulk or the signs of mere force, the White Hills or the Yo Semite Valley are, of course far richer than this region; but the beauty that attracts and charms the eye, the calmness that gives rest to the dazzled and distracted sense,—the peace that at once restores and satisfies the soul have taken up their abode among your Berkshire hills. Such a sight as that upon which you look from your windows is good medicine for any tired citizen. The Hoosac Mountains far off to the left, the Greylock group, with Williams and Prospect in the foreground, and Bald Mountain sitting like a lion couchant, looking down into the hopper; the ribbed and buttressed Taghanics ranging themselves along the western horizon, and the Dome looming up in the north; while Williamstown, with its colleges sits on its three hills in the centre of the scene—the picture is as vivid as if I had seen it but yesterday; nor will it quickly fade from the memory of any one who has ever looked upon it. After a residence at different times of more than eight years in that neighborhood, I often find myself hungering in this brick and brown stone wilderness for a sight of those old mountains, and for a taste of the sweet air that bathes their forest

covered sides, and for the outlook that is so easy to be had from their familiar summits.

I believe that the region is destined to be as famous yet as that of the English Lakes; and I hope that its growing fame will bring to you and Swift a harvest of greenbacks and golden opinions. If you succeed as well as you deserve to do, Greylock Hall will speedily need another enlargement. Always your friend,

WASHINGTON GLADDEN.

The following persons have also kindly given their consent to the use of their names as references:

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THE WILSON HOUSE.

THE proprietors, Messrs. STREETER & SWIFT, have associated with themselves in the management of their hotel, the *Wilson House*, in North Adams, Mr. ALBERT R. SMITH, under the firm of STREETER, SMITH & Co.

This hotel is to be this Spring thoroughly refitted and refurnished. It will have a balcony in front, be heated by steam, and in all respects, put in complete order and made one of the best hotels in the State.

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